

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/20/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-7,9-13 and 15-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

CAO (KEVIN) NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevin Zilka on 03/16/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodied in a computer readable-medium for providing a transcription graphical user interface, comprising:

- (a) computer code for displaying an utterance icon for prompting the emission of an utterance via a speaker upon the selection thereof; and
 - (b) computer code for depicting a transcription field for allowing entry of a transcription of the utterance utilizing a keyboard;
- wherein the transcription graphical user interface is displayed using hypertext markup language (HTML);
- (d) wherein a comment field is depicted for allowing entry of comments associated with the transcription utilizing the keyboard;
 - (e) wherein the comments include a performance of a transcriber in transcribing the utterance.

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Claim 15 (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim --7-- 13, wherein the transcription graphical user interface is capable of being displayed over a network utilizing a network browser.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim --7-- 13 wherein a pair of selection icons are displayed for prompting the emission of previous and next utterances.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim --7-- 13, wherein a hint is displayed corresponding to the utterance.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim --11-- 17, wherein the hint corresponds to a word matched with the utterance utilizing a speech recognition process.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13 and 15-22 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant has claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art either singularly or in combination. They are a method for providing a transcription graphical user interface, comprising the steps of (a) displaying an utterance icon for prompting the emission of an utterance via a speaker upon the selection thereof; and (b) depicting a transcription field for allowing entry of a transcription of the utterance utilizing a keyboard; (c) wherein the transcription graphical user interface is displayed using hypertext markup language (HTML); (d) wherein a comment field is depicted for allowing entry of comments associated with the transcription utilizing the keyboard; (e) wherein the comments

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include a performance of a transcriber in transcribing the utterance. These features are not found or suggested in the prior art.

Each independent claim is identified the uniquely distinct features “(c) wherein the transcription graphical user interface is displayed using hypertext markup language (HTML); (d) wherein a comment field is depicted for allowing entry of comments associated with the transcription utilizing the keyboard; (e) wherein the comments include a performance of a transcriber in transcribing the utterance.” The closest prior arts, Brooks and Crow discloses a conventional user input requesting enrollment using a transcription device”; either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

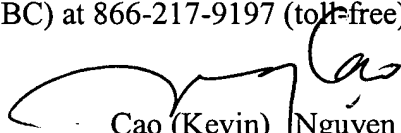
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4053. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571)272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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